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SENATOR MCCARTHY INTERVIEWED

JOSEPH MCCAFFREY: "Next week the showdown comes on that effort by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to win representation on the committee which keeps an eye on the nation's spy eye, the Central Intelligence Agency. The chief sponsor of the resolution which will hit the Senate floor next week is Minnesota Senator Eugene McCarthy. The Senator said today he didn't think a change in top CIA personnel changes the rules of the game."

MCCARTHY: "I think the climate of Richard Helms as Director of the CIA was a very good appointment. But our case with reference to that agency did not really relate to who the Director was. It's not directed at Admiral Rayborn, for example. Our concern has over the fact that this agency in the years since it was established has become increasingly difficult as far as reforming foreign policy, not mixed policy, but in helping to gather information and even to make policy decisions to incorporate into policy that are so important as an instrument for executing or for carrying out foreign policy.

"The Senate under the Constitution has a very clear responsibility in this field and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is the instrument setup by the Senate to exercise its basic and primary responsibility in the field of foreign policy, therefore, should be as well informed with reference to CIA as any other committee of the Congress."